

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A motorcycle comprising:
 - a frame;
 - a front wheel operatively coupled to a front portion of the frame;
 - a rear wheel operatively coupled to a lower rear portion of the frame;
 - a rear fender directly coupled to an upper rear portion of the frame; and
 - one or more components directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame,
the upper rear portion of the frame located posterior to the fender and the one or more components, and the one or more components making contact only with the frame and fasteners that couple the one or more components to the frame.
2. (cancelled)
3. (original): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the upper rear portion of the frame comprises one or more rear frame rails, each rail having a plurality of holes located therein.
4. (original): The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein the upper rear portion of the frame comprises two rear frame rails.
5. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ each of the one or more components comprises an accessory to the motorcycle, each of the components and the rear fender adapted to be supported by at least one of the rear frame rails.

6. (original): The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein the fender includes a plurality of bores located therein, each of the plurality of bores configured to align with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.
7. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim 6, wherein at least one of the components ~~component~~ includes a mounting bracket having one or more protruding portions, with at least one ~~each~~ portion having an aperture located therein, each aperture configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.
8. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the one or more components include ~~can include~~ one or optionally more of a passenger seat, a luggage rack, a smuggler, saddlebags, a driver backrest, covers, and a passenger backrest.
9. (original): The motorcycle of claim 6, further comprising one or more covers each directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the one or more covers adapted to mask the plurality of bores in the fender.
10. (original): The motorcycle of claim 9, wherein each of the one or more covers has one or more openings each configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.
11. (original): The motorcycle of claim 10, further comprising one or more support brackets each coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, each bracket including at least one boss configured to align with at least one of the openings in one of the covers that is aligned with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

12. (original): The motorcycle of claim 11, wherein each of the one or more support brackets is coupled to a saddlebag.
13. (original): The motorcycle of claim 11, wherein each of the one or more support brackets is coupled to a footrest.
14. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim 6, wherein each of the further comprising a plurality of fasteners is adapted to couple one each of the rear fender and at least one of the one or more components the component to the upper rear portion of the frame, each of the plurality of fasteners adapted to at least extend through one of the plurality of bores in the rear fender and be threadably received in one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.
15. (currently amended): A rear fender mounting assembly comprising:
a frame having a front and a rear portion, the rear portion including an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper rear portion including one or more rear frame rails, each rail having a plurality of holes located therein, one or more of the plurality of holes having a portion formed around an outer perimeter thereof, and each portion axially extending outward a certain distance from the rear frame rail; and
a rear fender directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the rear fender including a plurality of bores located therein, each of the plurality of bores aligning configured to align with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails, the one or more portions extending through the corresponding bores so as to create a space between the rear fender and one or more components mounted to such portions.
16. (currently amended): The assembly motorcycle of claim 15, wherein the upper rear portion of the frame is located posterior to the rear fender.
17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended): The assembly motorcycle of claim 15, wherein the further comprising one or more components are each directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame.
19. (currently amended): The assembly motorcycle of claim 18, wherein each of the one or more components has one or more apertures each configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails, and the only contact between the one or more components and the rear frame rails is at the portions of the corresponding holes.
20. (currently amended): The assembly motorcycle of claim 15, further comprising one or more covers each directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the one or more covers adapted to mask the plurality of bores in the fender.
21. (currently amended): The assembly motorcycle of claim 20, wherein each of the one or more covers has one or more apertures each configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.
22. (currently amended): The assembly motorcycle of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of fasteners adapted to couple the rear fender to the upper rear portion of the frame, each of the plurality of fasteners adapted to extend through the plurality of bores in the rear fender and be threadably received in the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.
23. (withdrawn): A method of mounting a rear fender to a motorcycle frame while keeping the mounting hardware concealed but readily accessible comprising:

removing a first rear fender and any mounting hardware from an upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame;
drilling two holes into the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame;
drilling two bores into a second rear fender to align with the two holes in the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame;
securing the second rear fender to the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame;
providing at least one cover adapted to conceal one or more of the bores in the second rear fender;
drilling at least one aperture into the at least one cover to align with one of the bores in the second rear fender and one of the holes in the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame; and
securing the at least one cover to the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame.

24. (withdrawn): The method of claim 23, wherein the step of drilling two holes into the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame comprises drilling two into one or more rear guide rails.
25. (withdrawn): The method of claim 23, wherein the step of securing the second rear fender to the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame comprises inserting one or more fasteners each in at least one of the bores in the second rear fender that is aligned with one of the holes in the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame.
26. (withdrawn): The method of claim 25, wherein the step of securing the second rear fender comprises engaging the one or more fasteners each in one of the holes in the upper portion of the motorcycle frame such that outer threading on each fastener mates with inner threading in the each hole.
27. (withdrawn): The method of claim 25, wherein the step of securing the at least one cover to the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame comprises inserting the one or more

fasteners each in one of the apertures within the cover that aligns with one unoccupied bore in the second rear fender and one unoccupied hole in the upper rear portion of the motorcycle frame.

28. (withdrawn): The method of claim 27, wherein the step of securing the at least one cover comprises engaging the one or more fasteners each in one of the unoccupied holes in the upper portion of the motorcycle frame such that outer threading on the fastener mates with inner threading in the unoccupied hole.

29. (new): The motorcycle of claim 1, wherein the fender is located posterior to the one or more components.

30. (new): The motorcycle of claim 3, wherein one or more of the plurality of holes has a portion formed around an outer perimeter thereof, wherein each portion axially extends a certain distance from the rear frame rail, and wherein each portion is configured to enable the one or more components to make contact only with the frame and fasteners coupling the one or more components to the frame.

31. (new): A motorcycle comprising:

- a frame;

- a front wheel operatively coupled to a front portion of the frame;

- a rear wheel operatively coupled to a lower rear portion of the frame;

- a fender directly coupled to an upper rear portion of the frame; and

- one or more components directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the upper rear portion of the frame located posterior to the fender and the one or more components, and the one or more components and the fender each coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame with separate fasteners.

32. (new): A motorcycle comprising:

a frame;
a front wheel operatively coupled to a front portion of the frame;
a rear wheel operatively coupled to a lower rear portion of the frame;
a fender directly coupled to an upper rear portion of the frame;
one or more components directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame,
the upper rear portion of the frame located posterior to the fender and the one or more
components; and
one or more covers each coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the one or
more covers adapted to mask mounting connections made between the upper rear portion
of the frame and both of the fender and the one or more components.